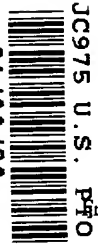


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- Copies of Application (17 pages spec; 6 pages claims; 1 page abstract; 9 sheets of drawings), which were filed in the parent application. Please enter these in this application.
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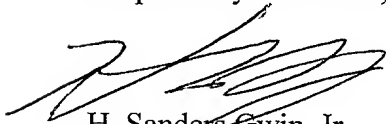
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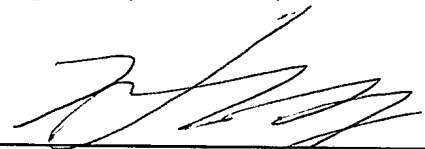
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In response to the communication mailed December 26, 2001, Applicants submit the attached continuation application and preliminary amendment. Since January 26, 2002 fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on January 28, 2002.

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